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For: C-SHAPED MEDICATION REMINDER DEVICE  
Art Unit 2841

Prior Art Statement

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Dear Sir:

Applicant is aware of the following prior art:

1. Walton U.S. Patent 3,996,879 discloses a C-shaped reminder device for medicine into which the bottle is inserted.
2. Wirtschafter U.S. Patent 4,361,408 discloses a medical timer which is strapped onto the outside of a pill bottle by an adjustable strap.
3. Wirtschafter U.S. Patent 4,448,541 discloses a medical timer which is strapped onto the outside of a pill bottle by an elastic band.
4. Schollmeyer U.S. Patent 4,504,153 discloses a device to program medication reminding circuitry in the cap of a pill bottle.

5. Seifers U.S. Patent 5,016,230 discloses a timing device for a pill bottle alarm.

6. Howard U.S. Patent 5,170,380 discloses a base having an opening for receiving a medication bottle in which the base provides a reminder to take medicine.

7. Wirtschafter U.S. Patent 5,233,571 discloses a medication reminder in the cap of a pill bottle.

8. Albeck U.S. Patent 5,313,439 discloses a timer device incorporated in the cap of a pill bottle.

9. Maestre U.S. Patent 5,495,961 discloses a receptacle for a pill bottle, nasal spray container or the like in which the receptacle provides a medication reminder.

10. Perrone U.S. Patent 5,724,021 discloses a receptacle for an eyedropper container in which the container provides a medicine reminder.

11. Walters U.S. Patent 5,751,661 discloses a bottle cap having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

12. Rosche U.S. Patent 6,084,504 discloses a bottle cap having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

13. Novosel U.S. Patent 6,158,613 discloses a pill bottle having a cap providing a voice reminder to take a pill.

14. Weiner U.S. Patent 6,229,431 discloses a bottle cap having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

15. Cardoza U.S. Patent 6,317,390 discloses a bottle cap having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

16. Momich U.S. Patent 6,335,907 discloses a pill reminder device incorporated in various locations on the pill bottle.

17. Ditzig U.S. Patent 6,424,599 discloses a cap of a pill bottle having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

18. Weiner U.S. Patent 6,441,722 discloses a bottle cap having medication reminding circuitry in the cap.

19. Weiner U.S. Patent publication 2001/0040500 discloses a medication reminding device incorporated into the cap of a pill bottle.

20. Osberg U.S. Patent publication 2002/0126585 discloses a pill bottle having a cap providing a medication reminder.

A copy of each of the above is attached.

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